

RICKEY ATTEMPTS TO PRY INTO SECRETS OF GRAND JURY ROOM

Opening Guns Fired in the Case of the State Against Former President of State Bank and Trust Company.

(Special to the Bonanza.)

CARSON, Nev., March 14.—The attack upon the validity of the indictments returned against T. B. Rickey, former president of the State Bank and Trust Company, began this morning when he was arraigned for his plea before Judge Langan in the District Court.

Attorney Peck for President Rickey began an examination of the witnesses who had appeared before the Grand Jury and gave the testimony upon which the indictments were returned. Half a dozen of these witnesses had been examined, giving practically no grounds for the prosecution to rest upon, when District Attorney Roberts entered an objection to the further examination of the witnesses. He stated that the defense should not be allowed to pry into the secrets of the Grand Jury room, that it was contrary to statute and also to public policy.

Peck replied by stating that the defense meant to show that the evidence adduced was illegal and also insufficient to return the indictments upon; that the only way to do this was to present the evidence to the court. The court overruled Roberts objection and the taking of evidence was continued.

In the afternoon, however, Judge Langan changed his ruling on the question and granted a motion to strike out all the evidence from witnesses before the Grand Jury, who related what they had testified to there. Peck took exception to this ruling.

The defense then began the examination of the men who served on the Grand Jury, questioning them as to their qualifications. Immediately District Attorney Roberts began the fight against this, claiming that under the Nevada statutes the only qualifications necessary were to be of legal age, sane and not a prosecutor. Peck began his argument on this point, citing numerous authorities and pointing out that the statutes of Nevada provided that every citizen was guaranteed a right to trial by a jury. And further that where a defendant did not have the right to question the legality of a Grand Jury at the time it was drawn, he could do so afterwards.

The argument on the question was not completed when court adjourned until Monday.

BURNS TO FILE HIS AFFIDAVIT

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—Special Detective Burns gave out the text of an affidavit of 180 type-written pages which he will file with Judge Lawlor in the Ruel case Monday. The affidavit develops nothing new in the prosecution and goes over much of the ground covered in the affidavits of Heney and other prosecutors.

FLOOD CONDITIONS BECOME SERIOUS

(By Associated Press.)
TACOMA, Wash., March 14.—Floods are threatened by the Puyallup, White and Stuck rivers on account of excessive rains the last few days. The water has not yet reached its highest stage. Conditions are serious. The Stuck river valley resembles a lake.

RESOLUTION TO LOAN ELKS TENTS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 14.—In the House today, Mr. Beale of Texas introduced a joint resolution to authorize the Secretary of War to loan 2500 tents to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for use during the national convention of the order at Dallas, Texas, in July, 1908.

POSSES HELD AT BAY BY BANDITS

WANN, Oklahoma, March 14.—Several posses have surrounded the bandits who last night robbed a bank in Tyro, Kansas, and are being held at bay by the robbers, who are heavily armed. A large number of men, armed with long range rifles left here tonight and it is expected a capture will be made by daylight, unless the robbers try to break through the lines of sentinels.

MINT BECOMES A VERITABLE BEEHIVE

PHILADELPHIA, March 14.—With the returning wave of prosperity today the United States mint in this city has again become a beehive. During the week employees who had been laid off have been receiving notifications to resume their posts and yesterday a full force was at work, aggregating about 550 persons. It was stated that this renewal of activity was due to fresh orders from Washington for immediate coinage. Leading these orders was one for \$10,000,000 more in \$20 gold coins. This, it was said, would probably be followed by still another order for the same pieces. In addition there will be a heavy coinage of silver and copper.

INDEPENDENCE PARTY TO MEET.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, March 14.—Announcement was made by committee-men of the Independence party of twenty-three States to attend the national convention of the party, California named Hugh McIsaac of San Francisco; Nevada, Edward Stone of Goldfield.

TRAIN JUMPS TRESTLE

WRECK BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY NEGRO.

(By Associated Press.)
BRISTOW, Okla., March 14.—H. D. Harrison, fireman, and W. H. Posten, a mail clerk, were killed, and Frank Gipson fatally injured and seven others more or less severely injured in a wreck of the Frisco passenger train, No. 408, on a high trestle across Spring Creek this afternoon. The engine, baggage and mail car, and the first coach plunged forty feet into the creek. An iron nut on the track is believed to have caused the wreck. It is believed to be the work of negroes aroused by the "Jim Crow" law which recently took effect.

CONFERENCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 14.—There was a conference at the White House tonight on the proposed legislation revising the Sherman anti-trust law in a way to prevent it from applying unduly toward organized labor, and to permit the pooling of rates by railroads.

GEORGE CROCKER OPERATED UPON

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, March 14.—George Crocker, the San Francisco millionaire, was operated on for an ailment of long standing today. The physicians report it successful, and the patient is recovering.

HASN'T MUCH FAITH IN BRYAN

(By Associated Press.)
BUFFALO, March 14.—William J. Connors, chairman of the State Democratic committee, when informed tonight that Governor Johnson of Minnesota had opened headquarters in New York, said he believed that either Johnson or Harmon would make a stronger run in New York State than Bryan. It was almost certain, he said, that the New York State delegation would go to Denver uninstructed.

SQUAWS TO LEARN LACE MAKING

RENO, Nev., March 14.—Miss Jessie Hemenway, personal representative of the Vanderbilts and other rich women of New York who are members of the Sybil Halp Carter Indian mission, arrived in Reno today to begin the work of instructing the Indian women and children of this State in the art of making Italian lace and other pursuits tending to their uplifting and education.

She is on her way to Schurz, the center of the Walker Lake Indian Reservation, where she will remain until she has her work well under way and has taught some of the Indian women sufficiently for them to handle the work of instruction.

This is the first time the mission has entered Nevada and the work will be the first of the kind undertaken here. The society buys all the work turned out by the Indians, thus insuring the lace makers an income.

EIGHT PEOPLE BURNED

LOSE THEIR LIVES IN FIRE FOLLOWING EXPLOSION IN SOUTHERN TOWN.

(By Associated Press.)
NATCHEZ, Miss., March 14.—Eight persons dead, another seriously injured, and property valued at many thousands of dollars was wrecked and burned as the result of an explosion of gas tonight in the five-story building occupied by the Natchez Drug Company. Six of the dead are young women. The rear wall of the building fell, wrecking a tenement-house adjoining and the buildings caught fire and eight were burned. Martial law has been declared. The bodies of the victims are still in the wreck.

PROJECT RAWHIDE RAILROAD

NEVADA CENTRAL HAS THE MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION.

(By Associated Press.)
RENO, Nev., March 14.—It was announced at division headquarters of the Southern Pacific that the Nevada Central railroad from Battle Mountain to Austin has under consideration the construction of a branch line to Wonder, Fairview and Rawhide. It is believed this announcement will result in the abandonment of the proposed line from Schurz to Rawhide.

BANNER DAY FOR ARRIVALS AT RAWHIDE

One Hundred and Fifty People Conveyed to the New Camp Yesterday.

(By Associated Press.)
RAWHIDE, Nev., March 14.—This has been the banner day for arrivals in this camp. Twelve autos arrived today from Schurz, and at least one hundred and fifty new people came into the camp. Among others, twenty business men from San Francisco arrived to day to make an investigation.

FAST STEAMERS ON COAST LINE

(Associated Press.)
SAN DIEGO, March 14.—Reports that the Pacific Coast Steamship Company contemplates putting on a line of larger and faster passenger and freight boats than have ever been used before on the Pacific coast route between San Francisco and San Diego, were confirmed here today by J. D. Farrell, former president of the company. New steamers will be built for the line.

PHILIPPINES WILL WELCOME FLEET

(By Associated Press.)
MANILA, March 14.—Preparations are already under way to receive the American fleet. A large committee made up of Americans and Filipinos will be named at once to raise funds to carry on the festivities. The people are greatly pleased at the decision of Congress to make Manila a naval station, and believe it will require the presence here of a big fleet.

AMERICAN CIPHER STOLEN BY FRANCE

BUCHAREST, March 14.—It was learned here today that a copy of the cipher of the American State department, used in private correspondence between Washington and the various legations, and embassies, was stolen recently from the American legation here by a French employee, who succeeded in escaping to Constantinople.

It is understood that this is the second time the American cipher has been obtained by strangers within the last few years.

The previous occasion was at St. Petersburg, where spies secured photographic copies of the cipher from the American embassy.

BROWN REACHES VERDICT.

Otto Brown, the tonsorial artist, having just finished jury duty in the Lowman trial, is now busy getting next to a case at his home. The verdict in this instance will be that he is the father of the handsomest baby boy in Tonopah.

LILLEY EXPECTS TO PROVE CHARGES

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 14.—The special committee investigating the charges concerning efforts to influence legislation in the building of submarines will resume sessions on Monday. Representative Lilley, who brought the charges against the Electric Boat Company, says he expects to prove that the company contributed funds to the campaign expenses of both parties. Subpoenas for officers of the company have been issued but not yet served.

TO REPEAL LUMBER DUTY.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 14.—In a general debate in the House today, Mr. Hall of South Dakota urged a repeal of the duty on lumber. He said that while he was a protectionist he did not favor this duty in view of the rapid depletion of American forests.

CALIFORNIA HAS BIG GRAVEL STRIKE

(By Associated Press.)
MOSELUMNE HILL, Cal., March 14.—There is a big excitement over rich gravel from the Boston gravel mine, near here. Yesterday \$400 was produced by two men. One piece was found worth \$70.

STATE MILITIA CANNOT ATTEND

(By Associated Press.)
SACRAMENTO, March 14.—It was announced from the office of the Adjutant General of the State today that the militia will not be able to take part in the reception to the fleet in San Francisco, owing to lack of funds.

FEVER SPREADS TO CALIFORNIA

(By Associated Press.)
REDDING, Cal., March 14.—While prospecting on Motion creek, on ground mined years ago, a man picked up a nugget of gold weighing eleven ounces today.

STEAMER IS HARD AGROUND.

(By Associated Press.)
WOODS HOLE, Mass., March 14.—The Red Cross line steamer Sylvia, New York to Halifax, is still hard aground on Sows and Pigs reef, at the entrance of Vineyard Sound. The passengers were taken off by the revenue cutter Mohawk.

BUILD ROAD TO LAST FOREVER

(By Associated Press.)
STOCKTON, Cal., March 14.—The government has promised to send an engineer to superintend the building of an "object lesson stone road" by the Chamber of Commerce, with funds provided by the supervisors. The road will be built to last forever, and be followed by many miles of the same, to cost fully a million dollars.

EXTEND INVITATION TO OUR FLEET

(By Associated Press.)
VICTORIA, B. C., March 14.—The British government has requested Lieutenant Governor Dunsmuir to send an invitation to Washington to have the battleship fleet visit Victoria and Vancouver, while on the North Pacific coast.

FAIRY TALE BY WOULD-BE SUICIDE

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, March 14.—An investigation into the story of the Baxter girl, who tried to commit suicide, did not substantiate it with regard to the six others who entered a suicide pact. The girl will be sent back to St. Paul.

BAVARIA EXPELS MORMONS.

MUNICH, March 14.—The Bavarian government has ordered the immediate expulsion of a number of American Mormon missionaries, whose presence here is regarded as being dangerous to public order.